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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of April 16, 2003. The required fee of \$110.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any other extensions of time and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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